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LETTER DATED 10 DECEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ERITREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you once again that the National Islamic Front Government of the Sudan continues its acts of aggression against my country. Following is a statement of the latest attacks by the Sudanese regime issued on 7 December 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea.

> "On Saturday, 5 December 1998 at 1130 hours, the Sudanese army shelled the Eritrean border towns of Talata Asher, Arbaete Asher and Alighider and their environs with 122 mm field guns and BM-21 multiple rocket launchers. It is common knowledge that the Sudanese regime has continued to repeatedly violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the State of Eritrea by carrying out sporadically such shelling and aerial bombardment (using Antonov planes) of Eritrean territory."

Such acts are expressions of the vile intent of the terrorist regime in the Sudan to destabilize not only Eritrea but also the entire region.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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